

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Applicants respond herein to the Final Office Action of May 16, 2007. The Response is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 1-3 and 7-24 remain pending in the Application. Claims 1-3 and 7-14 are presently before the Examiner for consideration, Claims 15-24 having been withdrawn as non-elected.

By the present amendments, Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled and Claim 1 has been amended. Proposed amendments to Claim 1 were discussed with the Examiner during the telephone interview on August 13, 2007. Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview. Accordingly, Applicants amended Claim 1 and respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection.

No new matter has been added.

As discussed during the interview, Applicants amended Claim 1 to more particularly point out that Applicants' die ejector system includes two flexure bearings positioned at opposite ends of the linear motor. More specifically (as shown in Fig. 3), as recited in amended Claim 1, the linear motor includes two opposite ends: a first end located below the forcer and the stator of the linear motor and a second end located above the forcer and the stator. The first flexure bearing is thus positioned at the first end of the linear motor, i.e., below the forcer and the stator, and the second flexure bearing is positioned at the second end of the linear motor, i.e., above the forcer and the stator.

As further discussed during the interview, none of the references cited in the Final Office Action disclose the above limitations of the amended Claim 1. Specifically, Pan (U.S. Patent No. 5,492,313) discloses a flexure bearing having a rim 38 and a spacer 40. The rim and the spacer are positioned next to each other and, therefore, cannot be positioned on opposite ends of the linear motor, as recited in current Claim 1.

None of the other cited prior art references disclose the limitation of Claim 1 requiring two flexure bearings, one of them being positioned at the end of the linear motor located below the forcer

and the stator and the other being positioned at the end of the linear motor located above the forcer and the stator.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Claim 1 is allowable over the cited prior art. Claims 2-3 and 7-14 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1. Therefore, Claims 2-3 and 7-14 are allowable at least for the same reasons as Claim 1 and, further, on their own merits.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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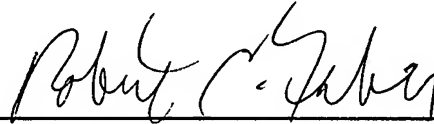

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